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misery till the time comes for their despatch to meet the requirements of the London season, which coincides with the natural nesting time. The French government for some years prohibited the transit of quails through France in the close season, but as this simply led to their being sent through Germany and Belgium the prohibition has been removed, notwithstanding the protests of the Union des Sociétés des Chasses. Millions of small birds called 'larks,' though they include every variety, and especially robins, killed largely during the breeding season, are also annually exported to England, and it is feared that they will be entirely exterminated in Italy.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

A LARGE majority of the professors of Brown University have signed an open letter addressing to the corporation a protest against attempting to curtail the freedom of speech of the President. The letter gives a straightforward expression to the views which university professors should unite in maintaining and removes from Brown University the stigma put by the corporation in claiming that they can control the freedom of speech of its faculty. President Andrews, however, in accepting the presidency of a magazine 'university' confuses the friends of academic freedom.

THE London University Commission bill has been postponed by the government until next year.

It is reported in the daily papers that Mr. Washington Corrington, of Peoria, Ill., now eighty-five years old, has appointed trustees to have control of his property, to be used after his death to found a university at Peoria. His property is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

THE Bradley Polytechnic Institute, of Peoria, will be dedicated on October 8th, the principal address being made by the Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. Lyman J. Gage.

THE trustees of the University of Illinois have decided to admit women to the College of Physicians, Chicago.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the

University of Paris it was resolved that, as soon as financial resources permitted, the following courses should be added: Experimental physiology, objective psychology and astronomical physics, and additional courses in paleontology and histology.

It is intended that the name of Croom Robertson, late Grote professor in University College, London, to whom psychology in England is greatly indebted, shall be connected in some way with the new psychological laboratory established at University College. The principal contributors to the fund are Mr. Haldane, Q. C., Mr. A. J. Balfour, Professor H. Sidgwick, Mr. F. Galton, Dr. Savage, Sir John Lubbock and Mr. Shadworth Hodgson.

THE London *Times* reports that at Dewsbury, after the funeral of Dr. Hinchliffe, it was announced that the deceased, after providing for his housekeeper and servants, had bequeathed property and shares, with about £50,000, toward higher education, but the purposes of the bequest are not stated.

DR. H. V. NEAL, Harvard University, has been elected professor of biology at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.

M. IZOULET has been appointed to the newly established professorship of social philosophy in the Collège de France.

MR. W. W. WATTS, Assistant Geologist at the British Geological Survey, has been appointed assistant professor of geology at Mason College, Birmingham.

DR. HERMANN THOMES, docent in pharmaceutical chemistry in the University of Berlin, has been promoted to a professorship. Professor George Ruge, of Amsterdam, has been appointed professor of anatomy and director of the Anatomical Institute at Zurich. Dr. Ossan, associate professor of mineralogy at Heidelberg, has been called to a chair in the School of Chemistry at Mühlhausen.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE.

##### THE ANTECEDENT COLORADO.

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: In addition to the doubts brought forward by Davis (SCIENCE,